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The VVill, and Legacies, OF Cardinall Richelieu, The Grand Pollititian of FRANCE;

Together with certaine Instructions which he left the French *King.*

Also some remarkeable passages that hath happened in *France*, since the death of the said CARDINALL.

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FRANCE.

The most Eminent JOHN ARMAN Du PLESSIS, Cardinall of RICHELIEV, the grand Politician of *France* his WILL.

He hath left to Madam the Dutchesse of Aiguillon, *formerly called Madam* Cambalet, *and his Neece.*

ARent to be taken in the City of *Rochell* of Sixty thousand pounds.

His brave House of *Ruelles*, five leagues from *Paris*, and 200000 l.

Another House, and lands of Two hundred and twenty thousand pounds *per annum.*

A million of Gold, besides the Silver ready coyned, all the moveables, Iewels, Pictures, Statues, and silver Plate,

To the Sonne of Monsieur Du Pont de Courlé, *his Nephew.*

THe Dukedome of *Richelieu*, and some other Lands, to the summe of 200000. l. *per annum.*

The Governourſhip of *Brouages*, and of the Iſlands of *Poictou*.

The Admiralſhip worth 200. pounds *per annum*.

To the two Brothers of Du Pont de Courle.

TWo hundred pounds *per annum*, in Church-livings.

To the Marquis of Brezè *his Brother in law.*

THe Dukedome of *Fronſac*, the Dukedome of *Beaufort en Valler*, betweene *Saumur* and *la Fleſche*, the Marquiſat of *Granville*, a Houſe in *Anjou* of Five thouſand pounds *per annum*, which he ſhall injoy with all the lands aforenamed, mounting to One thouſand pounds *per annum*.

To the King.

FIve thouſand Crownes in Silver, his Pallace called *Le Palais du Cardinal*, and Lands belonging to it, to finiſh it.

The great Diamond Ring of the value of One thouſand Crownes, his Chappell of Diamonds praiſed to aboue One hundred thouſand Crownes.

Eight ſuites of Arras imbroidered in Gold.

Eight ſuites of movables compleat Furnitures.

To the Daulphin.

HIs Library praiſed to fifty thouſand Crownes, and Lands belonging to it to finiſh the brave Colledge of *Sorbonne*.

To the Cardinall Mazarin *his Succeſſor.*

TWelve thouſand Crownes in Church livings *per annum*.

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To Monſieur de Nogés *a grand Stateſman and his Executor.*

A Rubie of Eight huddred Crownes.

It ſeemeth that the Cardinall knew his Executor could helpe himſelfe well enough, being hee left him ſo little.

To Monſieur de Chavigny.

ONe Diamond of 100. Crownes, and ſome other Legacies to his men, and followers, which being not comparable to the reſt, are not here ſpecified.

To the Cardinall of Lyons *his Brother, to Monſieur* De la Meſſeraie *his Nephew, and the greateſt Warrier* France *hath now, to the Grand-Prier of* Champaigne, *and to the Dutcheſſe of* Anguien *his Neece, and wife to the Prince of* Conde *his Sonne, nothing at all.*

What Policy did perſwade him to deale ſo with theſe his Kinſfolkes, I know not: Had hee left nothing to never a Kinſman or Kinſwoman, I ſhould thinke, that perhaps he would have the world know that he did not labour for his owne Kindred.

His Inſtructions to the King.

I.

THat hee ſhould warre three yeares longer with *Spaine*, and then if he pleaſed he might make Peace to his beſt advantage and glory.

II. That he keepeth alwaies the Princes, and Nobles downe, and let them come neere his Perſon as little as he can.

III.

To take heed of the Prince of *Conde*, becauſe he is a buſie Spirit, & of the Duke of *Anguien* his Son, becauſe he is ambitious, and of a haughty ſpirit.

IIII.

To mistrust alwaies the Queene, because she is a *Spanish*-woman, and also Mounsieur his Brother, because he is much inclined to *Spaine*, as it hath appeared by his former doings and demeanors.

V.

To make use of his old Ministers of State, because they are already full, and if so be that he should take new ones, and Starvelings, they will devoure, and consume the People.

IV.

That he should alwaies keepe a faire correspodency with the Protestants, by reason that his most Potent and chiefe Enemy being the King of *Spaine*, the surest Subjects he can imploy against him are the Protestants, for the Papist Commanders and Governours of places may bee corrupted by the *Spanish*-Gold, but the Protestants will never be seduced by him, neither will they admit of him, because of his Religion, and Inquisition.

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The King is very glad to ſee about him a great multitude of People, who deliver and utter their minds freely to him.

The greateſt Miracle the Cardinall did by his death was, that he made many thouſands of People ſpeake, which were dumbe before.

His Majeſty doth proteſt highly, that he will never entertaine any favourite, that hath any Guards.

His Majeſty asked Councell of *Mounſieur De Angouleſme* what he was to doe, who Councelled him three things.

1. *To chuſe a good and honeſt Councell.*
2. *That he ſhould alwaies have his Councell nigh him*
3. *Not to relye upon any body for the Government of his Kingdome, but that he ſhould take notice himſelfe of things.*

The Cardinall *Mazarin* is not like to ſubſiſt long by reaſon that being a Stranger, and one inclined to the Pope, he will be alwaies ſuſpected and hated.

Upon Monday laſt the Councell was aſſembled at St. *Germain*, where the King was preſent, and inquired into the buſineſſes.

Upon Saturday laſt he ſent for the Ambaſſadors to come to him the next day, unto which he gave audience, and told them hee would entertaine as good correſpondencie as before, and rather better.

The Declaretion formerly made againſt *Mounſieur* the Kings Brother, about the Treaty with the King of *Spain*, was lately proued, and enregiſtred; *Mounſieur Munier* and *Silleren*, Councellors of the great Chamber, ſpoke very much in *Mounſieurs* behalfe alleadging, that it was ill to condemne a perſon of his quallity before he was heard, ſince that favour

vour is not denyed to men of farre leſſe condition, and moſt guilty; That it is to draw the hatred of a Sonne of *France*, and to breed a hartburning betweene two great Brothers, and beſides that this ſhould redound upon the Kings renowne, and that it was fit to gather all the enqueſts, and informations together before his ſentence, but notwithſtanding all theſe reaſons. *Le Roy la ainſi Voulu.*

Yet *Mounſieur De Senetene* was ſent to him to *Bloys*, with a moderation, and hopes of ſuppreſſion of that Declaration, in caſe that he behaveth himſelfe better. This was a great piece of pollicy, to ſhow that *France* was ſtill governed by the Cardinals Genius, even after his death.

The Marſhall of *Breeze* is in great favour with the King, he was lately with *Mounſieur Baſſompierre*, and laboureth much for his liberty, the King anſwered him, he muſt ſtay a while.

There is great diſſention between the Marſhall of *Breeze*, and my Lady, by reaſon of the Will, the Prince of *Conde*, and the Duke of *Anguien* his Son, take part with the Marſhall of *Breeze*, and good reaſon too, becauſe the Cardinall left them nothing; they endeavour to have the Will annulled, if it holdeth, the Dutcheſſe of *Aiguillon* ſhall enjoy 800. M. *per annum*, beſides the Gold, Silver, Plate, and moveables ſhe hath already. The Earle of *Dublin* was lately ſhot with a Piſtoll by *Mr. De Bonnivet*.

It is thought that Trafficke and Commerce, will be forbidden with *Romans*, by reaſon of the Audience denyed by the Pope, unto the Ambaſſador of *Portugall*, and diſcontent offered to the *French* Ambaſſador, which both left *Rome* in a great rage and fury.

FINIS.